

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 148-203 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 204-206 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-203 (Canceled).

Claim 204 (New). A modified cellulase, comprising a substitution of the amino acid at position 119 with H in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5, wherein each position is numbered according to the amino acid sequence of the cellulase of SEQ ID NO: 1 and the modified cellulase has endoglucanase activity.

Claim 205 (New). The modified cellulase of claim 204, wherein the substitution consists of Q119H.

Claim 206 (New). The modified cellulase of claim 204, further comprising

- a substitution of the amino acid at position 4 with H, K, M, Q, R, V, or Y;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 5 with S or T;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 6 with T;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 7 with I, K, L, R, or W;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 8 with Y;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 9 with W or Y;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 10 with D;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 12 with G or M;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 13 with K, L, or Q;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 14 with A, P, or T;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 15 with H, S, or T;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 16 with A, C, or M;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 18 with F or Y;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 19 with A, D, E, G, P, S, or T;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 20 with A, E, G, or K;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 21 with K or N;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 21a with V;
- a substitution of the amino acid at position 42 with D, G, K, N, S, T, W, or Y;

a substitution of the amino acid at position 44 with G, K, P, Q, or V;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 45 with S or T;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 47 with C, G, M, or Q;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 48 with E, N, or S;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 49 with A, G, P, or S;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 49a with C;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 49b with N;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 74 with A or F;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 82 with E;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 95j with P;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 110 with S;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 111 with I, T, or V;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 113 with G or Y;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 114 with N;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 115 with L;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 116 with S;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 121 with D;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 123 with A, M, or Q;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 129 with L or V;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 131 with A or I;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 132 with A, D, P, or T;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 133 with D, K, or N;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 145 with A, D, N, or Q;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 146 with R;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 147 with C, G, K, R, V, or W;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 150b with A;
a substitution of the amino acid at position 178 with D, N, or P; or
a substitution of the amino acid at position 179 with N or V.